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10 May 1960

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SUBJECT: DD/P Views on Future of Inter Office Telecommunications Advisory Committee, Request for

1. Following is an excerpt from the minutes of the 62nd IOTAC meeting, held on 5 April 1960:

"Since CIA appears to be heading toward releasing itself of all obligations undertaken under NSC 169 and NSC Action 1910, the Chairman posed the question of the advisability of terminating the activities of IOTAC which was established to deal with the interests of diverse elements in the Agency in regard to these obligations. A discussion followed after which the Chairman requested members to...report back to the Secretary the views and wishes of their organizations on the future of IOTAC."

2. "Releasing itself of all obligations" refers to the termination at the end of this fiscal year of the Radio Stations Branch, which maintains a radio frequency usage register, and the Broadcast Evaluation Section, which produces intelligence evaluations of the technical effectiveness of US international broadcasting.

3. IOTAC was established in 1954 by the same internal directive which created the above mentioned activities; its membership includes representatives of DD/I, DD/P, and DD/S. While it appears to have performed certain meritorious advisory and review functions earlier in its life, my impression during the year of my membership is that it has been singularly passive. It has paid lip service in successive meetings to the need for the RSB and the BES, but has taken no step to make its views known. If, in the past, it has served the DD/P in any way, its present and future usefulness is not apparent.

4. I propose to inform the Secretary that the DD/P agrees that IOTAC should be terminated.

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